MINUTES

—OF THE—

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE FALLS OF LICKING CHURCH,

MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO.

August 18th, 19th and 20th, 1869.

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PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Wednesday Afternoon—Elder G. M. Peters, from Romans I : 14-17.
" John Prichard, " John VI : 44.
Thursday—Elder Louis Seitz, from 1st John IV : 19. Elder Samuel Williams, from Isaiah XL : 1-2. Elder John Thompson 1st Cor. XV : 25.
Friday.—Elder Wm. M Melton, from Psalms XXIII : 1-2. Elder G. M. Peters, John V : 24-25. Elder D. G. Barker, Matthew XVI : 18.

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According to appointment last year, the introductory sermon was preached by ELDER JOHN CRABTREE, from Isaiah xxxii: 1-2.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Clerk and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Churches & Messengers.	Ministers and Times of holding Meetings.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions
FALLS OF LICKING, *Muskingum Co.*—Robert J. Smith, Wm. H. Prior, Wm. Butler	2d Lord's day	9			1		7	58	$ 6 25
HOPEWELL, *Perry County.*—Alexander Melic.	Jno. Parker, 1st Lord's day		1				1	29	4 35
FRIENDSHIP, *Licking Co.*—Abner Jewry, Sam'l Meredith, S. Rhodes	Benjamin Lampton & Sam'l Meredith alternately, 3d Lord's day	2			2		4	51	3 15
UNION, *Perry County.*—John Bowman, Sam'l Buriff	George N. Tusing, 4th Lord's day	1						18	2 00
LANCASTER, *Fairfield Co.*—Letter but no Messenger	Samuel Carpenter every Lord's day		1			3		25	2 00
LEXINGTON, *Perry Co.*—Smith Wortman, Tho's Harper	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day	2			1			30	4 63
TIMBER RUN, *Muskingum Co*—John Bolin, G. D. Burley, John Burley.	John J. Vanhorn, 3d Lord's day	2				1		23	4 15
BETHEL, *Noble County*—John Russell, Bartholomew Davis, John Jordan	Ephraim Barker, 3d Lord's day	1		1			2	27	4 00
BEULAH, *Musking'm Co.*—Sam'l Francis, Stephen Francis	John Prichard & Eph. Barker, alternately, 1st Lord's day							28	2 50
UNIONTOWN, *Muskingum County*—Jacob Lacock, Ja's Melic, Lazelier Richards	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day	5						20	2 35
YORK, *Morgan County.*—Lazelier Burley, David Black, Wm. Newlan	Louis Kagy, 2d Lord's day	2					1	13	1 40
ZOAR, *Muskingum Co.*—David Woodruff, Sam'l Martin, John N. Clapper	Ephraim Barker, 2d Lord's day							23	2 00

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MT. OLIVE, *Morgan Co.*—Peter Han, Milton Daugherty, John Croy, Jr.....	Louis Kagy, 1st Lord's day	1						18	2 40
SCOTT'S CREEK, *Hocking County*—David G. Barker, Isaac Nixon, Albert Parker.....	Jno. Parker 2d Lord's day		1	1	1		4	64	4 05
GOSHEN, *Muskingum Co.*—Edward Hickman, Tho's Umphry.....	John Prichard, second Lord's day		2			1		33	3 00
HARMONY, *Perry Co.*—	Not heard from.....							10	25
ENON, *Guernsey County.* Isaac Beal, Solomon Peters.....	Ephraim Barker, 3d Lord's day.....							15	71
PLEASANT HILL, *Licking Co.*—Ja's Holmes, Geo. Rector, Matthew Porter.....	John Prichard & John J. Vanhorn, alternately, 1st Lord's day			1			1	37	3 00
MT. HOPE, Dissolved.....									
JONATHAN'S CR'K, *Licking County.*— Daniel Drumm, Daniel Norman, Jacob Mason.....	John Barker & Daniel Scofield, alternately, 4th Lord's day.....							35	3 00
EBENEZER, *Jackson Co.*	Not heard from.							13	
MONDAY CREEK, *Perry Co.*—Sam'l Croy, Sam'l Rugg, And'w Skinner.	David G. Barker, 1st Lord's day..	3				1		21	2 25
Total.....		28	5	3	5	6	20	601	$57 44

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Thompson.

1st. After calling the Messengers' names the Association organized for the present session by choosing Elder David G. Barker, Moderator and Wm. Butler, Clerk.

2d. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

3rd. Brethren John Burley, John Bolin and John Russel were appointed a Committee of Arrangements. The Messengers of the Falls of Licking Church were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching on the stand. Brethren Samuel Burroff, Isaac Nixon and Wm. Newlan were appointed a committee to receive and distribute the funds.

4th. Newly constituted churches called for.

5th. Correspondence from Sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

Miami.—By Elder John Thompson, James Popenoe and minutes.

Scioto.—By Elder G. M. Peters and minutes.

Sandusky.—by Elder Louis Seitz and minutes.

Walhonding.—Dissolved.

Pocatalico.—By Elder Wm. A. Melton, Robert Young and minutes.

6th. Ministering brethren invited to a seat in council with us.

7th. The circular letter written by Elder John Crabtree and the corresponding letter written by Elder David G. Barker, were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations appointed.

Miami.—Elder Ephraim Barker.

Scioto.—Elder David G. Barker.

Sandusky.—Elders J. J. Van Horn and S. Meredith.

Pocatalico.—Resolved, That we correspond with her with minutes and messenger instead of by minutes only, and that David G. Barker be our Messenger this year.

9th. Elder John J. Van Horn to write the circular and Brother John Burley the corresponding letter for next year.

10th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders Seitz, Williams, Melton and Thompson for to-morrow. Report received.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Crabtree.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 9 O'CLOCK.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Peters.

1st. Messengers' names called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangements reported the minutes of last year, as the order of business. The report was received.

3rd. The Constitution and Articles of Faith to be printed in the minutes instead of a circular letter. The corresponding letter was adopted.

4th. Visitation meetings arranged.

Falls of Licking. Fifth Lord's day in October at Shannon Meeting House, Elders Daniel Scofield and Samuel Meredith to attend.

Union. First Lord's day in November, Elder E. Barker to attend.

Lexington. Fourth Lord's day in November, Elders Prichard and Crabtree to attend.

Bethel. Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard to attend.

Beulah. First Lord's day in June, Elder D. G. Barker to attend.

Uniontown. Second Lord's day in October, Elder Butler to attend.

York. Fifth Lord s in May, Elders Van Horn and E. Barker to attend.

Mt. Olive. Fourth Lord's day in October, Elders E. Barker and Crabtree to attend.

Goshen. Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Peters to attend.

Enon. First Lord's day in October, Elder Butler to attend.

Pleasant Hill. Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder E. Barker to attend.

Monday Creek. Third Lord's day in November, Elder Peters to attend.

Zoar. Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard to attend.

All the above meetings to commence on Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

5th. The next Association to be held with the Friendship Church in Licking County at the Linville meeting house, on the National road, to commence on Friday before the Fourth Lord's day in August, 1870, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder David G. Barker to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure Elder John J. Van Horn.

6th. The Agent of Watts & Rippon's Hymn Book made his report. The report was accepted and Brother John Bolin continued Agent and directed to distribute the money in his hands among the subscribers.

7th. The Committee report $57 44, appropriated as follows: minutes $20 74; clerk $5; correspondence, Elder E. Barker, $5 85; Elder J. J. Van Horn, $5 85; Elder S. Meredith, $5: Elder D. G. Barker, $15.

8th. The Committee on Preaching report Elders Melton, Peters and D. G. Barker for to-morrow. The report was received.

Adjourned to the time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder Harper. DAVID G. BARKER, Moderator.

WM. BUTLER, Clerk.

Paid $20 for 850 copies.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the Associations with which it corresponds, sendeth Christian love and fellowship:

DEAR BRETHREN—Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father our lives have been prolonged through another year, and we have been permitted to meet from the different portions of the country to behold each others faces, and mingle our voices in praise to our kind preserver, and sit together in sweet counsel. We feel thankful for christian fellowship. The preaching of your Messengers was comforting to us. We greatly desire that your correspondence be continued, and that God may so overrule us that peace and harmony may abound, and that our fellowship may be precious to each other. Please receive this short epistle as a token of our love and regard. Farewell.

Constitution and Articles of Faith

Of the Muskingum Baptist Association, as arranged by the Committee of 1851, and revised by the Association of 1852.

We, the members of the different Churches composing this Association, for the purpose of adopting a uniformity of Faith and Practice among the Churches, and for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world, do ordain and establish the following Constitution for the regulation of this body, to wit: That there shall be an annual Advisory Council or Association, to be composed of the Representatives from the different Churches, by them duly chosen, to be known and distinguished by the name of the Muskingum Baptist Association.

Sec. 1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, and are the only infallible rule of Faith and Practice, and teach the following fundamental principles or doctrine and ordinances, to wit: That there is one only living and true God, and that there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one—Eternal and unconditional election, original depravity, particular redemption, special vocation, efficacious grace in regeneration, justification by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, sanctification by God's Spirit, the final perserverance of the saints in grace to glory, the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, eternal judgment and the ordinance of baptism, to believers only, and the Lord's Supper.

Sec. 2. Whenever this Association is convened, an Introductory Sermon shall be delivered, after which the Moderator of the preceding session, (if present, if not, the clerk of the preceding session) shall call over a list of the Churches, according to seniority, and on each several call one of the members of the Church, so called, shall come forward and audibly read or cause to be read, the Letter from the Church he represents, and deliver it to the Moderator or clerk. Afrer the several Letters have been read as aforesaid, and the Messengers' names enrolled they shall proceed to elect a Moderator and Clerk by nominating one or more and voting in the usual way, and from the two highest a Moderator or Clerk shall be chosen who shall serve till their successors are chosen.

Sec. 3. The Moderator shall preside during the session, to maintain order, to bring before the Council all business relative to the prosperity of the several churches, and state each question fairly, that it may be voted for or against, give a casting vote if equally divided, and declare on which side is the majority.

See. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter all decisions in a fair manuscript, and audibly read the same at the close of the business, and shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose the principal decisions and resolutions of the Association in fair transcript, and shall deliver to his successor in office all books and papers relative to the same—also to attend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and shall receive five dollars for his services at the close of each session.

Sec. 5. The Association shall at each session as soon as organized appoint three Committees—one to arrange the business of the Association

and make a written statement of all the business necessary to be attended to at the present session, and deliver such statement to the Moderator at the opening of the session for business, on the ensuing morning—also to correct any error either in doctrine or language in the Circular and Corresponding Letters, one to arrange the preaching during the Association; and one to receive and distribute the contributions. The Association shall also appoint the time when, and the place where, the next Association shall be held.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Churches composing this Council to send representatives and a letter addressed to the Muskingum Association, stating the time and place of their meeting—a summary of the Faith and Practice of the Church, or a reference to the Articles of Faith of this Association, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased, and present number of said Church, with the name of the representatives of the Church; also the name of the Minister having the oversight of the Church.

Sec. 7. That each Church may send three representatives to the Association who shall be entitled to a vote.

Sec. 8. Any Church neglecting to send Messengers and Letter to this Association three years successively, it shall be the duty of the Association to send Messengers to visit it and inquire into the cause of their absence and report to the next Association.

Any Church that receives a member excluded from a sister Church, shall by that act be considered to have excluded herself from this Association.

Sec. 9. Churches applying for admission into this Association shall, on giving satisfaction of their Faith, Practice and Constitution, be received by the Moderator, giving to the first named representative of said Church the right hand of Fellowship, in behalf of the Council.

Sec. 10. That the churches are equally free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, such as receiving and dismissing, censuring and expelling their own members, tolerating to improve, licensing to preach, and ordaining such as appear to have gifts and are divinely called to the work of the ministry; and of silencing such as have been tolerated, licensed or ordained, as the case may require, and all and every other power and privilege essential to the free, regular exercise of Gospel discipline and well being of the several Churches.

Sec. 11. All motions made and seconded shall be free for discussion or amendment, and shall be put to vote unless withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the council.

Sec. 12. Any member wishing to speak on any subject, shall arise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator or Council and speak pointedly to the subject on hand, but not longer than ten minutes, nor oftener than twice, unless special leave be obtained of the Moderator.

Sec. 13. A Circular Letter shall be annexed annually to the Minutes of this Association, addressed to the several Churches—also a Corresponding Letter, addressed to the Associations with whom we correspond.

Sec. 14 This Association shall have power to alter or amend this Constitution whenever she may find it necessary, provided that no alteration or amendment shall affect the principles and ordinances recognized in this Constitution or the Faith or Independence of any Church in this connection.

Sec. 15. A majority shall decide all questions excepting the alteration or amendment of this constitution, cases of conscience or the expelling of a member or members; in which cases it shall require a majority of two thirds.